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In the Specification

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 has been amended as follows:

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,308[____], filed February 29, 2000[____], entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,310[____], filed February 29, 2000[____], entitled SIZING SERVERS FOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS VIA USER DEFINED WORKLOADS; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/514,801[____], filed February 29, 2000[____], entitled COMBINATION OF MASS STORAGE SIZER, COMPARATOR, OLTP USER DEFINED WORKLOAD SIZER, AND DESIGN TRADE-OFF TOOL IN ONE PACKAGE; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272[____], filed February 29, 2000[____], entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/514,506[____], filed February 29, 2000[____], entitled METHOD OF COMPARISON FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, all of which are assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated herein by reference.

The paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17 has been amended as follows:

The mass storage required 222 can also be determined by method 200. The mass storage required can be satisfied by adding the appropriate size and number of mass storage devices such as disk drives. The required mass storage can be calculated using the methods described in related applications U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [_____] 09/516,272, filed [_____] February 29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [_____] 09/515,308, filed [_____] February 29, 2000, entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM, herein incorporated by reference. The tpmC ratio 226 provides a means for comparing the system specified by the inputs to method 200 and a baseline system tpmC 214 provided by the user. In one embodiment, a top window in the application program can be used to selectively browse through the tpmC database. The browsing can be filtered based on the operating system and database management system. In one embodiment, the tpmC database is filtered according to operating system and DBMS to provide a shorter list, which is selectable via a drop down list to a single tpmC database record, which can be termed the "baseline" system. The tpmC value from the record can be used as the value for the baseline system. In some embodiments, a

known system from one vendor is selected as the baseline system on one part of the screen. The requirements can be used to select for another system, termed the 'target' system, from a second vendor in another part of the screen. The tpmC of the target system can be compared to the tpmC of the baseline system using ratio 226.

In The Claims

Claim 4 has been canceled.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

- 1 5. (amended) A method as recited in claim [4]2, wherein
- 2 the throughput workload requirement includes a transactions per
- 3 second requirement.